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- —Louis Seese is home on a visit.
- —Prof. Kenneth Smith is in Springfield.
- —Harry Crabtree is visiting in Chicago.
- —Dixon Post, G. A. R., meets tonight.
- —Ned Stroup visited friends in Polo yesterday.
- —Mrs. Nathan McKenney is very ill with la grippe.
- —Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker spent Christmas at Elburn.
- —Geo. W. Hawley is home from a business trip to Utah.
- —Miss Alta Wise of Rock Falls spent Christmas here.
- —Forest Home Legion, No. 21, Sir Knights, meets tonight.
- —Prof. Dana C. Johnson is home from Des Moines, Iowa.
- —Miss Kittie Campbell has returned from a visit at Amboy.
- —Prof. W. H. Kiler has gone to his home for a holiday visit.
- —Dixon Tent, No. 81, Knights of the Maccabees, meet tonight.
- —Miss Kittie Depuy came home from Elgin Saturday for a visit.
- —Martin Wasley was out from Chicago for a Christmas visit.
- —Otto Stephan is home from college in Chicago for a holiday visit.
- —Misses Chamberlain and Brooks Baird are visiting in Chicago.
- —Harry McKinstry came down from Rockford for a Christmas visit.
- —Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Turck were Christmas visitors from Chicago.
- —Mrs. Jacob Depuy has gone to Chicago to visit her sister, Mrs. Swenie.
- —Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips have returned to Chicago after a visit here.
- —Prof. E. E. Kent is home from college at Lebanon, Ohio, for a Christmas visit.
- —A track for sleighing was started around Island Park on the river Saturday.
- —Prof. Dana Johnson gave a pleasing talk at the Lutheran church last night.
- —Mrs. Charles Upham is here on a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eells.
- —A very pleasant party was enjoyed by the Dixon Club members Saturday evening.
- —Miss Abbott of the College spent Christmas with Miss Ada Fletcher of Sterling.
- —Mrs. W. F. Weaver is entertaining her mother, Mrs. L. Wolf from Sharon, Wisconsin.
- —Misses Lydia and Jennie Nelson are here from Peru on a visit until after New Years.
- —Jack Flynn of Elburn is at the W. R. Parker drug store during the absence of Mr. Parker.
- —Mrs. Charles Cummings of Pawpaw fell on a slippery walk last week and broke her wrist.
- —Hoyl and Breiding, two young machinists from Sterling, are now employes at the Milk Factory.
- —Knights of the Macabees will give their Masquerade ball at the opera house Wednesday evening.
- —There will be an eclipse of the moon on January 7th, between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock p. m.
- —The young men of Pawpaw gave an elaborate entertainment to the ladies of that town Friday night.
- —The good skating on the river was enjoyed Christmas and yesterday by hundreds of young men and women.
- —We are informed that the Tischopatolous Club held its first meeting on Christmas Eve in St. Catherine's Flats.
- —Installation of new officers in Knights Templar Commandry will take place in Masonic Hall tomorrow evening.
- —Miss Daisy Brubaker is in Chicago for a holiday visit with Miss Katherine Grosscup, daughter of Judge Grosscup.
- —Mrs. E. E. Smith, who has been visiting here sereral weeks, left this morning for her home in New York city.
- —Mrs. Emeline Whipple of East Fellows street, North Dixon, has received word that her daughter, Mrs. Murphy, died in St. Louis on Christmas morning. The funeral took place there today.
- —Wm. Gephart and sister, Miss Emma Burke, have returned from a visit with their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carson, of the well known firm of Carson, Perie & Co., of Chicago.

WAS IT MURDER?

A Citizen of Alto Township Shot to Death by a Former Employe—E. J. Winker Surrenders Himself at Rochelle.

For a dozen years or more the criminal dockets of the circuit court of Lee county have been unstained by the annals of a murder trial—the Mosse case being the last sensation of that sort upon which the abnormal appetite of society was regaled.

But right on the eve of Christmas (the season of "peace on earth and good will toward men") comes, from the north-east corner of the county news of the killing of a bachelor farmer by a former employe, with the self-surrender of the colprit. The facts, as nearly as we have been able to sift them, divested of all unnecessary sensational accompaniments, are as follows:

Fred Tolsted has for a number of years owned and lived on a farm, the north-west quarter of section one in Alto township; his house situated but a few rods from the highway which is the division line between Lee and Ogle counties.

Some time ago a man giving his name as E. J. Brown, (but whose right name is E. J. Wenker) engaged himself to work by the month for Mr. Tolsted, who is a bachelor, well respected in his neighborhood and has a reputation for honesty and a peaceable disposition. At the end of the month Wenker was discharged, Tolsted not being satisfied with his work and refusing to pay him his full wages. Wenker then came to Dixon and for three weeks was engaged by Messrs. Wright & Barker, who are preparing a new city directory; and Mr. Wright states that he did good work for the firm. Thursday he went to Creston, in Ogle county, three miles north of Tolsted's place. Here he put up for the night with directions not to be called until five o'clock the following afternoon. When called at that hour his room was found to be vacant,

It seems that some time during the forenoon Wenker had, unperceived, left the house where he was stopping and walked down to Tolsted's, where about 1 or 2 o'clock p. m. the murder was committed. Wenker then started back to Creston, where he doubtless intended to if possible reach his room unnoticed, and where he expected to be found when called at 5 o'clock. But, meeting on the road someone who knew him, had the effect of changing his purpose; so turning west he walked about eight miles to Rochelle, where he gave himself up to the authorities, surrendering his revolver and stating that he had killed Mr. Tolsted in self-defence. To substantiate this he said that Tolsted had defamed his character in connection with some woman whose name we withhold; that he found him cleaning out his hogpen with a shovel; that he told him that if he did not retract he would make him suffer for it; and that Tolsted thereupon flew toward him with the shovel uplifted, and to save himself from being brained he drew his revolver and fired several shots.

Mr. Tolsted's body was found in the pigpen about 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, pierced by four bullets. One had struck him in the left eye, one about half an inch above the eye, one in the right and one in the left side near the breast. It would seem that some one of these shots must have proved instantly fatal.

The plea of self-defense is very materially weakened by the fact that with the revolver, Wenker gave up a quantity of poison, which he said he intended to have taken in case of danger from arrest. Deputy Sheriff McGowan and ex-Sheriff Stainbrook was driven to Oregon yesterday and had an interview with the prisoner, who will be brought to Dixon for trial. McGowan and Brewster have gone to Alto today to look over the scene of the tragedy and gather material for the trial.

Wenker is a young man of respectable appearance, and J. A. Wright, for whom he has been recently working, says he is a young man of good habits. He is a son of F. J. Wenker, a well-to-do resident of Watertown, Wis., and at Clyman, Wis., where he has a brother, a dentist, he was for a year in the employ of W. M. Brown, now of this city, to whom he gave good satisfaction; and all who have known the young man are greatly surprised at his connection with such a tragedy.

There are some points in the case which would indicate an unbalanced mental condition.

At the coroner's inquest last Saturday, aside from Wenkers confession, there was only circumstantial evidence as to the killing There could be but one verdict, however, that Mr. Tolsted came to his death by shots from a revolver in the hands of E. J. Wenker. The funeral services of the murdered man were held and the body was interred this afternoon.

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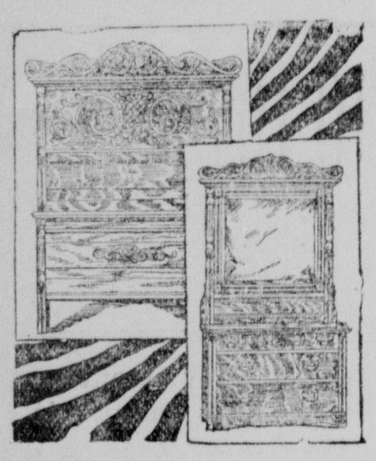


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ALL SAFE SAVE ONE.

Chicago Coliseum Fire Not So Fatal as First Reports Represented the Same.

NELS JOHNSON THE ONLY VICTIM,

And He a Hero Who Had Saved the Lives of Thirty Others—Loss Reaches $700,000—Other Fires and Fire Casualties Claim a Dozen Lives—Explosion of Powder Spoils Christmas Festivities at Asheville, N. C.—Death on the Rail.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The total loss of the Coliseum fire Friday night is estimated at $700,000. The only insurance was $150,000 carried on the building, which was valued at $400,000. It turns out, however, that but one life was lost in the blaze and that one life was a hero's. His name was Nels H. Johnson, fireman of the building, 40 years old. It was through his assistance that a score of people escaped through the door in the northwest end of the building. Hemmed in by the rapid spread of the flames, the performers in the Streets of Cairo and other exhibits of the midwinter carnival were unable to reach the front of the building. Johnson led the way to the north entrance. George B. Irving was with Johnson as he led the way to the door. It was found locked and nailed up. Seizing several hammers and axes, the two men, with others who had joined them, broke down the doors.

His Quick Work Saved Thirty.

Irving was at work among the ruins Saturday gathering up the few remains of his electrical trapeze. He was dumfounded when told that Johnson's body had been found. "I can't believe that Johnson is dead," said Irving. "We escaped from the burning building together. At least thirty were saved by Johnson's quick work. In getting out Johnson's head and face were badly scorched. We ran about the west side of the building and I took him to a drug store, where we bought some cold cream for his burns. I waited but a minute or so and ran back to the building to try and get in by the front entrance. Johnson was in the drug store when I left. He must have run back after me. I tried to break into the building on the west side to attempt to save some of my property, but it was too late."

Other Fires in the Lake Metropolis.

Three firemen were injured, one fatally and two seriously, and $125,000 damage done by the fire in the six-story building at the corner of Fifth avenue and Monroe street Saturday. Captain Dennis McSweeney fell from the sixth story when the roof collapsed. John Kenney, truckman, and James McCambridge, pipeman, were injured. F. A. Foster & Co., dry goods, sustained the heaviest single loss, $20,000.

Saturday morning for the third time flames destroyed the building of the Quadrangle club, of the University of Chicago. There were seven persons in the building, but all escaped. Two were more or less injured. Loss, $20,000 on the building. The club was composed of professors and past graduate students, who lose heavily on the furnishings, which included a number of valuable paintings, sculpture, etc.

Ten of a Family Cremated.

London, Dec. 27.—A Mrs. Jarvis and her nine children, the youngest a baby, were burned to death at 5 o'clock yesterday morning in a four-room cottage occupied by the Jarvis and two other families in Dixie street, Bethnal Green, London. The unfortunate family occupied the upper floor. By a strange coincidence Mr. Jarvis, the woman's husband, who had been suffering from consumption, died in the workhouse infirmary Saturday afternoon without having heard of the disaster. Mrs. Jarvis earned a scant livelihood by making match boxes and her rooms were filled with inflammable material.

Two Children Lose Their Lives.

Franklin, Pa., Dec. 27.—Grace and Annie Nelson, whose parents live near here, were left alone in their home Saturday evening. The former fell into the grate fire and her clothing was ignited. She was burned to death. In trying to save the life of her sister, Annie was also badly burned and it is believed she cannot recover.

FRANTIC TIME IN A BIG CROWD

Thirty Pounds of Powder Explodes and a Wild Scene Ensues.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 27.—A crowd of 100 or more men and boys were firing a Christmas salute from an old cannon on the outskirts of town Saturday when a can of thirty pounds of powder exploded in the thick of the crowd. Thirty or forty persons were injured, but none, it is believed, fatally. The cannon was fired several times, and then Joseph Finch, an employe of the Southern Railway company, picked up the powder can and began to reload the piece. The gun had not been swabbed, and the moment the tiny stream of powder struck the heated metal there was a flash and the powder exploded with a report that made the earth tremble.

Immediately there was a scene that made sick the hearts of those watching from a near-by hill. In the smoke that rose from the explosion they saw human beings run blindly here and there over the hill, falling and rising only to fall again as they frantically rushed about, blinded and powder-burned, madly trying to extinguish their flaming clothes. Those who were unhurt ran to the aid of the unfortunate ones, smothering flaming clothing or cutting the garments from their bodies. One man was blown or rolled completely down the high bluff, 200 feet, nearly to the river. The people in the neighborhood ran to the scene, and the work of giving assistance to the injured began.

The hill was dotted with blackened, groaning figures, some of whom lay almost perfectly nude. A number of the injured were able to walk from the scene, while cots were provided and gentle hands placed the more seriously wounded on them and conveyed them to an old residence near by, which was improvised into a hospital. Joseph Finch is among the more seriously hurt, his nose and mouth being torn out of all shape, and he is probably blinded. Clarence Ledford, who stood near the cannon when the powder ignited, was thrown more than fifty feet. His clothing was torn or burned entirely off, and a part of the skin on the forehead burned loose. Charles Earwood and John Ingle also are seriously hurt, and several others probably will lose their sight or be disfigured for life.

DEADLY WRECK ON THE RAIL.

One Man Ground to Pieces and Two Others Probably Get Death Wounds.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 27.—A vestibule passenger train on the Norfolk and Western railroad collided with a freight at Clark's Summit. The engines of both trains were badly wrecked, as were a number of freight cars and the baggage and postal cars of the passenger train. R. H. Ashmore, express messenger, was badly injured about the head and chest, and it is thought will die. Postal Clerk Hoffman was instantly killed, his body being ground to pieces and thrown under the second-class coach. Fireman Collis had both his legs cut off and was otherwise horribly cut and bruised and will probably die. Engineer McCarty was severely cut about the head and neck, and suffered a number of contusions on his body, and is thought to be internally injured. He will die. The wreck was occasoined by the engineer of the freight train mistaking orders.

Fatal Railway Accident in France.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Two passenger trains came into collision at Lepeage du Roussillion, department of Isore, during the prevalence of a dense fog. Captain Blouet, of the cruiser Foudre, of the French Mediterranean squadron; Captain Lota, an instructor at the military school at St. Cyr, and M. Mathieu, a naval engineer, were killed and fifteen other persons were injured.

He Gave His Life for Others.

New York, Dec. 27.—James F. Colman, an engine driver in the fire department, sacrificed his own life Saturday rather than run down a woman and a little girl who, transfixed with fright, were unable to get out of his way. Colman, to avoid them, gave the engine too sharp a turn and it toppled over with the driver beneath it, killing him almost instantly.

STRIKE FEELING NOT SO STRONG.

Cotton Operatives at Fall River Are Considering the State of Trade.

Fall River, Dec. 27.—The strike feeling among the operatives is not as strong as it was last week. It is believed that careful consideration of existing conditions has done much to change the sentiment. The conference committee of the operatives, in which are representatives of all the textile unions, held another meeting last night, when the wage question discussion was resumed. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the committee's secretary. The only information given out was that a new proposition to the manufacturers was proposed and the plan unanimously adopted.

Its details were not divulged, and the document is now in the mail for Secretary Rounseville. A manufacturer volunteered the opinion that the new proposition might offer an acceptance of the cut-down provided the present schedule was restored when a margin of profit to be mutually agreed upon shall warrant such action.

TROLLEY CAR CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Four Thugs Murder Him Because He Will Not Give Up His Money.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 27.—A trolley car on the Schuylkill Valley Traction company was held up by four highwaymen at Swedeland near here about 10 o'clock last night. Conductor Chas. Galloway, of Norristown, refused to give up his money and was shot dead. Three shots were fired at Motorman Matthias, but none took effect.

After rifling the body of the conductor of the money and a gold watch the robbers escaped. There were four women passengers in the car, and the robbers covered them with their weapons, but made no attempt to rob them. The men looked like tramps, and escaped in the direction of Philadelphia.

Sold His Wife for Ten Dollars.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 27.—Charles Bishop, of Mason, whose domestic happiness has been destroyed by the visits of Bert Carpenter, signed an agreement to relinquish all claim to his household and its effects for $10. He received the cash and came to this city, where his father resides, leaving Carpenter in possession. Mrs. Bishop recently advertised in a matrimonial paper, and it is claimed received money from men in Montana and Florida, and then refused to go to them.

Governor Makes a Christmas Gift.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—As a Christmas present Governor Pingree pardoned Henry Howard, who under the name of Harry Dale was convicted last May of criminally assaulting Maggie Leonard in this city and sentenced to Jackson for life. This action was recommended by the pardon board. Howard has all along stoutly maintained his innocence, and the governor says he is himself convinced of it.

It's the San Jose Bug, Now.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The agricultural society has memorialized the government claiming that American fruit of every kind and many American shrubs and trees imported into Germany are infected with the San Jose bug which is a constant danger to German fruit growers. They want a strict examination of all American fruit, trees and shrubs and a refusal to admit them wherever vermin is detected.

Clerical Organs in Opposition.

New York, Dec. 27.—A special to The Herald from Lima, Peru, says regarding President Pieroia's promulgation of the new measure legalizing non-Roman Catholic marriages in Peru: "With the exception of the clerical organs the press is unanimous in applauding the clever statesmanship of the president in pushing the measure through."

Then Reciprocity Will Fail.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—It is announced that the German government declines to yield to the demands of the United States, made during the reciprocity negotiations, for reduced duties on American animal products.

More Competition for New England.

Denver, Dec. 27.—The Overland cotton mills of this city, have carried the war "into the enemy's country" with a vengeance by securing contracts which will place their product in Boston.

RESENT OUR POSITION

As Presented in McKinley's Message and Sherman's Latest Note to Sagasta.

WARLIKE PROTESTS FROM SPAIN.

One Editor Urges More Warships and Another Says Our "Encroachments" on Spain's Internal Politics Are "Intolerable"—Not Inclined to Admit Our Right to Interfere, No Matter How Long the Cuban War Shall Continue.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—The Imparcial urges that, in view of the character of the reply of United States Minister Woodford to the note of the Spanish government, in answer to the first communication of the American government through him, it is necessary to increase the Spanish fleet as against the eventuality of a conflict with the United States. El Heraldo says: "The encroachments of the United States upon the internal politics of Spain have become intolerable, and must be resisted energetically. The situation is difficult, but at whatever cost the government ought to put an end to a shameful state of affairs for the sake of the dignity of Spain."

Agree That the Note Is Friendly.

London, Dec. 27.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: "General Woodford's note dwells at length upon the Spanish complaint against filibustering, and other moral and material assistance given in the United States to the insurgents, which the Washington government reasserts it has done all in its power to check, with the view also of satisfying the representations made by Spanish diplomacy. The Madrid papers say the note is so very friendly and so laudatory of the present home rule policy in Cuba and Porto Rico that there is a general impression in official circles that the relations between the two governments have a decidedly reassuring aspect.

Soft Words Butter No Parsnips.

"At the same time papers of every shade of opinion, including the ministerial organs, censure very sharply the conduct of the United States government, and are unanimous in saying that all the compliments the United States pays the new Spanish colonial policy cannot make a proud nation tolerate the pretension of a foreign government to have the right to criticise and condemn the conduct of Spanish generals and of the late Spanish government in dealing with the rebellion. They equally resent the American pretension to interfere in the Spanish West Indies, which is so repeatedly claimed in the notes and the presidential message, and more recently in Secretary Sherman's advocacy of relief for distressed Cubans.

What Hurts the Editors Most.

"The press is most dissatisfied with the Woodford note on account of the arguments used to refute the Spanish complaints against filibustering. America is charged with interfering in all the rules and usages of international law in order to suit the aims of its encroaching policy in the West Indies. It is an open secret that the note has caused surprise and displeasure in official circles because the government had hoped that President McKinley and Secretary Sherman would refrain from increasing the embarrassments of the situation in Spain in consideration of all the concessions made in Cuba. The government will delay replying to the note for several weeks, as the United States took nearly two months to reply to the Spanish note. When it does reply Senor Sagasta will rebut the arguments of the note in a friendly, but firm tone."

WATCH THEM HEAD HER OFF.

Alleged Filibuster Has Two United States Vessels to Get Away From.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 27.—If the pilot boat Somers N. Smith, of Pensacola, gets out of this port with a filibustering expedition she will have to run over the cutter Seward in the river and the crusier Montgomery off the bar. The Smith was here in August last, was docked and black leaded and had a speed-wheel put in; also took off the figure 3 from her smokepipe and went to sea at night bound, rumor afterward said, to Cuba with eighty men on board and a lot of arms and ammunition. No trace of this expedition was afterwards found, however, and William Bazzell, commodore of the Pensacola Pilots' association, presumably the owner of the tug, denied emphatically that the Smith was in the filibustering business.

Two weeks ago the tug appeared in Pensacola and came immediately under suspicion, the papers there saying the cruiser Montgomery was on watch over her. The papers also said the Smith needed docking for repairs, but that the Mobile docks were so busy to take her. Nevertheless, she arrived here Thursday and immediately went on the Mobile ways at the foot of Augusta street, to be repainted. The manager of the ways says the paint on her does not need renewing, and is as good as when put on four months ago. She is said to have been followed as far as this port by the cruiser Montgomery.

Telegraphic orders were sent here Saturday night and the collector was notified to be on the lookout for filibusters. United States Marshal Simmons went on board the tug yesterday and had the boat searched, but nothing was found on board. Bazzell, who is here with the Smith, says there is no intention of filibustering and that she is merely here for repairs. The cutter Seward dropped down the river yesterday afternoon and came to anchor opposite the exit of the marine ways, and lies there with steam up and keeping an eye on the Smith. Persons up from the lower bay report that the cruiser Montgomery has been off the bar for twenty-four hours.

Jack Rabbits for Denver Poor.

Denver, Dec. 27.—Parson Thomas Uzzell distributed 3,000 jack rabbits among the poor people who applied for them Christmas. These rabbits were shot in the annual hunt at Lamar.

Phonograph Factory for Muskegon.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 27.—It is reported that Chicago parties will soon establish a phonograph factory in this city, capitalized at $100,000.

Household Goods

The acient Greeks believed that the Penates were the Gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of the throat, chest and lungs, it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a centry and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angle. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at A. H. Tillson Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00 2

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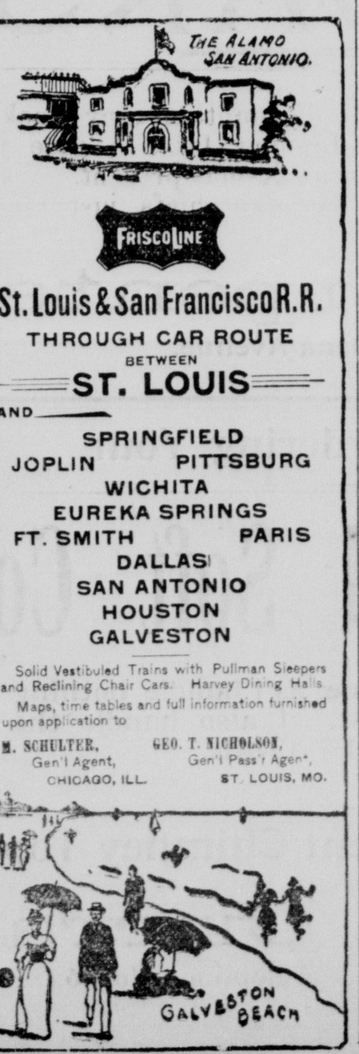
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HORRIBLE DOUBLE MURDER.

What Christmas Brought to Milton Neal and His Aged Wife.

Indiana, Pa., Dec. 27.—Milton Neal and his aged wife were shot to death by an unknown asassin at their home near Jacksonville, nine miles southwest of here, some time during Christmas Their bodies were found at 9 o'clock that night by their son Harry, who was passing the house and stopped to pay a Christmas call on his parents. When young Neal forced his way into his father' house, on entering the sitting room a horrible sight met him. On a chair near the window lay the form of his mother, her face entirely blown away. At her feet was all that remained of her husband, and a ghastly hole in the side of his head told the tale of his murder. At his side lay a double-barreled shotgun, the implement of death.

The walls, ceiling and articles of furniture in the room were spatterel with blood, and on the ceiling was a good-sized dent in which was embedded a piece of the murdered woman's skull. There is nothing to indicate that the crime was committed for plunder, as in Neal's pocket was a $10 bill, and a $20 bill lay on the top of a drawer. Their friends say they have a clue upon which they will at once begin work to trace down the murderer.

THAT "RAREBIT" IS INVINCIBLE.

Beats the Englishman Chase Easily in a 30-Mile Race in 1:04:05 1-5.

New York, Dec. 27.—Jimmy Michaels, of Wales, the recognized middle distance bicycle champion of this country, met Arthur M. Chase, the middle distance champion of England, Saturday night at Madison Square garden in a thirty-mile race over a ten-lap board track, and won so easily, despite a bad spill, that the bicycle experts are guessing just how good the little "Rarebit" is.

Pluck, endurance, stamina and every other quality that goes to establish the possession of grit seem to be embodied in every inch of the Welshman. Nothing seems to tire him. Chase fell and was severely hurt in the twenty-sixth mile, and had to leave the track. He would have lost anyhow, however, barring accidents. The time was 1 hour, 4 minutes, 5 1-5 seconds.

Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—At the exposition building indoor track Saturday Edward Aldridge, of this city, broke the world's record for tweny-five miles unpaced, his time being 1 hour, 4 minutes and 28 seconds. The previous record for this distance was 1 hour, 5 minutes and 30 seconds.

FOLLOWED MISS HERBERT'S LEAD.

Young Society Woman of Washington Kills Herself with a Pistol.

Washington, Dec. 27. — The recent tragic death of Miss Lelia Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, is given as the reason for the suicide which occurred yesterday of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society woman and daughter of Lewis S. Wells, a well-known attorney. The young woman shot herself through the heart with her brother's revolver at the residence of her father here.

Miss Wells had met Miss Herbert a number of times, and was very much attached to her. She herself had been confined to the house for four months by illness, and this, combined with the shock caused by the death of her friend, brought on melancholia, which resulted in suicide. The deed was apparently entirely unpremeditated.

Can't Punish This Man Very Well.

Alton, Dec. 27.—Jeff Parks, of St. Louis, was mortally wounded in a hand-to-hand fight with George McClayton. Two years ago Parks induced McClayton's wife to desert her husband and live with him. Saturday he visited Alton with the woman and they went to McClayton's house to get some things which the woman said she had left there. A row followed. Parks drew a knife and McClayton emptied a six-shooter at him. Two shots took effect and will prove fatal. McClayton gave himself up, but was released without bond.

Young Girl Severely Burned.

Canton, O., Dec. 27.—Miss Clara Shields, daughter of R. S. Shields, former United States district attorney, and a cousin of Mrs. Day, wife of Assistant Secretary Day, was severely burned at her home here yesterday. Her clothing ignited from an open gas fireplace and her father answering her shrieks for help found her in flames. The lower portion of her body and legs were severely burned and grave apprehensions were felt at first. It is now thought, however, that nothing serious will result.

Little Girl's Head Was Cut Off.

Little Falls, N. J., Dec. 27.—A sleigh containing seven people returning from a Christmas entertainment was struck by the Lake Shore limited at the Central crossing in St. Johnsville, ten miles east of this city. Nine-year-old Nellie Place was instantly killed, her head being severed from her body. Five were seriously injured. A Mrs. Smith and her daughter were wedged on the pilot of the engine and were carried 100 feet.

West Superior Iron and Steel Co.

West Superior, Wis., Dec. 27.—Preparations have been begun for the transfer of the property of the West Superior Iron and Steel company, of this city, to the Central Trust company, of New York, who hold against it a mortgage of $1,730,000, including interest on the principal and taxes since 1893.

Cripple Creek Miners' Xmas Gift.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 27.—The owners of all the large and prosperous mines in this camp made a handsome Christmas present to their employes by allowing full time for an idle day. The gift in the aggregate amounts to about $10,000 dividend among several thousand miners.

Wind Blew Him Out of His Cab.

Bridgeton, N. J., Dec. 27.—James Bowers, an engineer on the West Jersey railroad, was blown out of his cab between Husted and Palatin. The wind was blowing a gale, when a sudden gust caught him and whirled him to the roadside. He was painfully but not fatally hurt.

Condition of Mrs. Booth.

New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ballington-Booth was said at the Presbyterian hospital late last night to be resting quietly and to be somewhat better.

JOHN BULL VS. RUSSIA

Movements on the Chinese Coast Bring Their Interests Into Sharp Conflict.

BEAR PUTS A PAW DOWN IN COREA,

And the Lion's Claws Immediately Show Themselves—Protest That Is an Ultimatum Delivered to the Corean Government—Japan and the Britain Acting Together—Seventeen of Her Majesty's Ships Off Chemulpo.

London, Dec. 27.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says: "It is reported that seventeen British war ships are off Chemulpo, Corea, southwest of Seoul, supporting the British consul's protest—really amounting to an ultimatum—against the king practically yielding the government of Corea into the hands of the Russian minister. The protest is specially directed against the dismissal of McLeavy Brown, British adviser to the Corean customs, in favor of the Russian nominee. The news has produced consternation at Seoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of thirty warships awaiting the result of the British representation, that Japan fully supports. Japan is irritated by the arrival of Russian troops in Corea, and it believed that she will oppose them.

British Force Lands at Chemulpo.

"According to advices from Tokio Japan has offered to assist the officers at Pekin in drilling the Chinese army, and to censent to a postponement of the war indemnity. Many of the viceroys and Pekin officials favor the proposal." According to a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Shanghai, it is reported there from reliable sources that a British force landed at Chemulpo on Saturday and caused the reinstatement of McLeavy Brown. The same dispatch refers to "a native rumor that the union jack has been hoisted on an island in the mouth of the River Yangtse-Kiang."

China Threatens to Favor Russia.

The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "The government refuses to place he "likin" under foreign control as security for the loan proposed by the Hongkong and Shanghai bank, and asserts that unless the loan is procurable without this condition arrangements will forthwith be made for a Russian guaranteed 4 per cent. loan of 100,000,000 taels, to be issued at 93 net. The security would be the land tax, which would remain under Chinese administration. China in return would give Russia a monopoly of the railroads and mines north of the great wall, open a port as a terminus of a railroad (trans-Siberian), and would agree that a Russian should succeeded Sir Robert Hart as director of Chinese imperial maritime customs. If these conditions should be permitted British trade interests would suffer severely."

Goes to Join the British Squadron.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times says: "The sloop Phoenix sailed yesterday under orders to join the British squadron. The utmost secrecy is preserved with regard to the latter's movements, but gossip here suggests that its destination is Ta-Lien-Wan."

Germany to Lease Kiao-Chou.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—An inspired Chinese organ published here says that the Chinese emperor, in order to avoid the reproach of having lost territory, will lease Kiao-Chou to Germany in perpetuity at a low rate with all the rights of sovereignty that England exercises at Hongkong.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—It is asserted that the newly formed Russo-Corean bank will organize a company to extend a railway to Port Arthur. The Russian vice president of the Eastern Chinese railway will start for Manchuria in February to inspect proposed variations of the route and to make a final decision as to other matters.

COLLISION ON A TROLLEY LINE.

Car Runs Into a House, Wounding Three—Motorman's Lucky Escape.

Providence, R. I. Dec. 27.—At noon yesterday a Camp street electric car ran wild and rushed down Olney street hill with the speed of an express train and shot across North Main street and into the corner of a frame building. That the occupants of the car escaped with their lives is remarkable. There were about ten passengers in the car at the time besides the motorman and conductor.

The injured are: Mrs. Sarah Maiufsky, crushed and bruised in the abdomen and head cut; Conductor I. F. Mott, shoulder dislocated and bruised about the upper part of the body; Chas. H. Holmes, bruised about the right leg and back injured. One of the most surprising things was the escape of the motorman, Louis E. Morrow, who stuck to his post.

Quiet Christmas at the White House.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Christmas Day, A. D., 1897, was the most peaceful on record at the White House. Owing to the recent bereavement of the president all official functions were suspended, and throughout the day the front doors of the executive mansion rarely swung on their hinges. The only guests in the house were Miss Duncan and Miss Barber, who remained at home during the morning. The Christmas dinner was purely a family affair.

Bear Had a Fine Feast.

Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—A cinnamon bear which was shipped by express from Leavenworth, Kan., to Baraboo, Wis., escaped from its crate in the express car at Western Union Junction, on the Chicago and St. Paul railroad, while en route to its destination. The express messenger was driven from the car, the bear taking complete possession, devouring packages of apples and candy and destroying way-bills.

Murdered and Thrown to the Hogs.

Rockford, Ills., Dec. 27.—Fred Talsted, a prominent young farmer living near Creston, was murdered by Edward Brown, a former hired man, who threw the body into a hog pen, then walked to Rocschelle and gave himself up. He said he killed him in self-defense. He was removed to the Oregon jail for safety, as the neighborhood was greatly excited.

ONE MORE EFFORT FOR DURRANT.

Charge That One of the Jurors Had Made Up His Mind When Chosen.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The long-promised sensation in the Durrant case developed when W. A. Durrant, father of the murderer, presented an affidavit to superior Judge Sewell in which he charged Juror Smyth with having knowingly used certain information not presented at the trial of Theodore Durrant in deciding the merits of the case in his (Smyth's) mind. Durrant senior says that Smyth talked of the case to reputable persons before the trial was concluded; that Smyth told the persons that Theodore Durrant had been on terms of criminal intimacy with near relatives, and that he was abnormally developed sexually; that Juror Smyth had intimated that Durrant senior knew of these relations, and that Smyth had made up his mind as to the defendant's guilt before the trial was half concluded.

Durrant's attorneys formulated papers on a motion for a writ and probable cause, and presented them to Judge Babra, but he denied the motion and gave notice that an application for a writ of probable cause would be made before the supreme court. This will be done in a few days, the attorneys for Durrant say.

Murder Not a Profitable Trade.

London, Dec. 27.—Paris police statistics just published effectually prove that murder does not pay from a financial point of view. They enumerate twenty-one murders by which the assassins averaged $16 and all the criminals were guillotined. The statistics also cite cases of over 100 more or less famous murders yielding in many cases but a few cents. The biggest haul was $65, although in many cases large sums were overlooked.

Owns a Maul Used by Lincoln.

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 27.—Dr. Bozzell, of Clifford, this county, has an old beech maul used by Abraham Lincoln for splitting rails during his boyhood days. The doctor's father borrowed the maul of Lincoln's father during Abraham's boyhood days when they were neighbors in Illinois, and never returned it. It is now a valued relic.

His Head and Limbs Burned Off.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 27.—Henry Thomas, son of Aaron Thomas, living in the town of Lamartine, five miles southwest of this city was burned to death Saturday in the fire that destroyed the building in which he lived. When his body was recovered the head and limbs had been burned off.

Her Whole Family on Her Arm.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The emperor has presented the empress with a beautiful bracelet consisting of miniatures of himself and their seven children set in diamonds. In the center is the protrait of Princess Luischen and below it is the emperor's portrait in a heart-shaped setting.

Sad Christmas at the Man's Home.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 27.—Winfield Haymond, of Liberty township, went to St. Paul Christmas Eve to purchase his children Christmas presents. On his way home he was struck by a Big Four train and his body horribly mangled.

Murder at a Rockville Dance.

Rockville, Ind., Dec. 27.—Isaac Durrett was shot and mortally wounded at a dance here. The ball entered the bowels. His assailant is unknown. Durrett pitched for the Washington, Ind., base ball club the past season.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Frank Brown, saloonkeeper at Gallipolis, O., shot Ab Allen, a well-known character, fatally.

Von der Ahe says all negotiation for the purchase of the St. Louis League base ball club are off.

Among the passengers arriving at New York yesterday by the St. Paul were Lieutenant and Mrs. Peary.

Frank McDaniels, of Minneapolis, broke the world's record for long jump on skates, clearing 21 feet and 7 inches.

The Harter mill at Fostoria, O., the largest winter wheat mill in the country, was destroyed by fire. Loss, $150,000.

The Non-partisan National W. C. T. U. will hold its eighth annual convention in Cloumbus, O., Jan. 7 to 11, 1898.

The Luetgert jurors at Chicago spent their Christmas inspecting the famous factory, vat and home of A. L. Luetgert.

Gratz Arnett and Green Patrick, both politicians, fought with revolvers at Paintsville, Ky. Arnett was dangerously wounded.

The 5-year-old daughter of August Gocker, of Lavaca county, Tex., died with rabies. Three months ago she was bitten by a mad dog.

The historic frame hotel at Relay station, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, nine miles from Baltimore, was burned Friday night.

Winnebago county court house at Oshkosh, Wis., was gutted by fire, the damage being $10,000, all the prisoners being removed without accident.

Senator and Mrs. John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Christmas night at their residence in Omaha.

C. C. Franke, a contractor, who disappeared from Indianapolis a month ago and was supposed to have been murdered, has returned home from Texas.

A large circular saw in the mill of Leitcher & Moore at Orange, Tex., broke into fragments. One of the pieces struck Isam Farley just under the chin, entirely severing the head from the body.

Officers of the terminal roads of East St. Louis will meet in St. Louis on Jan. 4 to submit a plan for a new relay station in the former city, which will meet with the approval of the railroad and warehouse commissioners.

A freight train ran into a steel train at Milan, Mo., fatally injuring Roadmaster John Rinard, of Trenton, and dangerously injuring two other employes. The dispatcher forgot that the steel train was on the road.

The Weather We May Expect.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Following are the weather indications for twenty four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Indiana and Illinois—Fair weather; northwesterly winds. For Michigan—Fair weather, preceded by light snow on the lakes; slowly rising temperature; light northwesterly winds. For Wisconsin—Fair weather; slowly rising temperature; light westerly winds. For Iowa—Fair, warmer weather; southerly winds.

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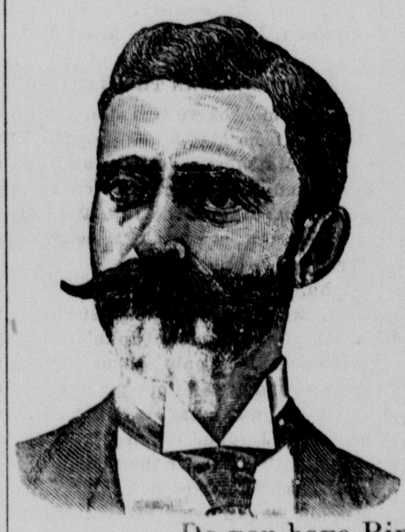
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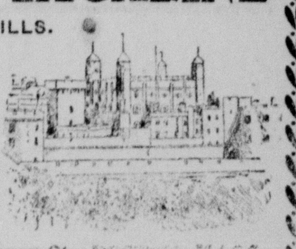
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LESSON 1, JAN. 2, 1898. MAT. 3: 7-17.

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST.

For six months we will study the life of Christ from Matthew's gospel. The author, Matthew, was a Jew and a publican, and his object in writing appears to be to show the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah—the Christ of prophecy.

John, son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, was a cousin of Jesus and six months older than he. John's ministry continued for only about eighteen months, and at the time mentioned in our lesson, was preaching and baptizing at the Jordan, in the vicinity of Jericho. Thus, near the place where, more than 800 years before, the great prophet Elijah was carried up into heaven (II. Kings 2: 7-11) came the "forerunner of Christ," "in the spirit and power of Elias," Lu. 1: 17 and Matt. 11: 14.

V. 7. In this verse is the first mention of "Pharisees," in history. Of the origin and early history of the sect very little is known; they were the strictest of the religious sects among the Jews, very patriotic, bitterly opposed to any foreign, and particularly Roman rule; accepted all the teachings of the Old Testament, and in addition believed and taught many oral traditions, which they claimed had been handed down from generation to generation. In Christ's time they had become altogether formal, observing carefully the ceremonies of the law and their traditions, but ignoring the spirit and meaning, and moreover had become corrupt and hypocritical.

The Sadducees, a less numerous sect, submitted willingly to Roman domination, believed in the Levitical law, but rejected all the traditions, as well as the doctrine of the future life; the existence of angels and spirits: they were gross materialists.

What is meant by "the wrath to come?" John 3: 36, Ro. 1: 18. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came judgment would be meted out to all enemies of God, but claimed that the visitation of judgment would be limited to the Gentiles.

V. 8. By being baptized they professed to accept the doctrine John preached, and become his disciples; he reminds them that repentance was necessary, calls them a brood of vipers and intimates that their lives were inconsistent with such discipleship Only by genuine repentance, which would be manifested by a changed life, could they escape "the wrath to come."

V. 9. The Jews believed that because they were descendants of Abraham they would be admitted into the Messiah's kingdom; and that was one reason for their carefulness throughout their history to preserve their nationality. We are taught however, in the new testament, that the real children of Abraham are those who are like him in faith and obedience Gal 3: 6-9.

"God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham," may mean that of the Gentiles children unto Abraham would be found; see Mat. 21: 43 and Rom. 11: 12, 19, 20.

V. 10. The ax is sometimes the symbol of judgment; Jer. 50; 23, where Nebuchnezzar is called "the hammer of the whole earth," and Jer. 51: 20 where either he or Cyrus is called God's "battle ax." Perhaps here "ax" may represent God's word, which is "sharp, quick and powerful," Heb. 4: 12.

V. 11. The teaching here seems to be that John's baptism was an evidence of belief in and acceptance of the doctrine preached, and a type perhaps of the baptism of the Spirit, typefied by "fire."

"Jesus baptized with the 'Holy Ghost;' John 'with water;' Jesus was 'the word:' John 'the voice;' Jesus 'must increase;' John 'must decrease': Jesus was 'the Christ:' John the 'sent;' Jesus was 'the prophet that should come'; John was his herald: Jesus was the 'Light of the World;' John, a 'witness of the Light:' Jesus was the bridegroom;' John the 'friend of the bridegroom.'" What was Jesus' estimate of John? Mat 11: 11. What was John's testimony concerning Jesus? John 1: 34.

V. 12. This verse contains several symbols, the "fan," God's method of testing character; the "threshing floor" is the world,—(Mat. 13: 38, first clause); "wheat," the genuine children of the kingdom: "unquenchable fire," eternal punishment, while the "chaff" may represent that in us, or in our lives which, through not sinful, is useless and a hindrance; for the chaff was once essential to the growth of the wheat and cannot therefore represent the wicked.

V. 14. While John evidently regarded Jesus as superior to himself in spirituality, yet from Jo. 1: 33 it is clear that he did not know Jesus was the Messiah until he was baptized, see Jo. 1: 32-34.

V. 15. Why was Jesus baptized? He had no sin, no need of repentance. Was it to sanction and approve John's ministry and teaching? Was it Christ's induction into his ministry? He was 30 years old, the age at which priests were inducted into office. Num. 4: 3, or was it because Jesus came to bear the sins of the world and to identify himself with mankind whom he came to save?

Vs. 16-17. The last voice from heaven before this—of which we read—was at Sinai, more than 1500 years before, Ex. 19: 19 and Ex. 20: 22. God spoke from heaven when the law was given and again when the gospel was introduced. Twice afterward a voice from heaven was heard, Mat. 17: 15 and Jo. 12: 28.

What prophecy was fulfilled when the Spirit descended? Isa. 11: 2. The dove is a symbol of peace, Gen. 8: 11, of harmlessness, Mat. 10: 16 and of purity, Psa. 68: 13. If a dove gets its plumage soiled it will not eat—though hungry—until it cleanses and dresses its feathers. Doves and pigeons are gentle, meek, inoffensive and the only birds known that have no gall; so the spirit filled life is without bitterness, wrath, anger, malice or evil speaking.

Christmas Entertainments at Nachusa, St. James and Zion Luthern Churches.

At Nachusa the Cantata—"Christmas Fairies" was given on Friday evening to a full house and exceeded the expectations of all who witnessed it The decorations of the auditorum were tasteful. The singing was excellent and the exercises throughout were of a high order and exceedingly well presented. Special mention should be made of the part taken by the Laplanders. Their costumes and singing and marching made a great hit. Also the part taken by the Gnomes, and the Boy's Brigade, led off by Master Geo. Dysart. These were all small children and they went through with their part in a manner unusually skillful.

At St. James on Saturday evening was presented the Cantata—"A good time with Santa Claus." This was also an agreeable surprise to all who witnessed it. Some who saw the Nachusa entertainment the evening before say that St. James fully came up to it. Santa Claus was well personated in a well gotten up costume and his singing was fine. The family scene which occurred in the middle of the performance was an appropriate feature and was exceedingly well done. All through this entertainment was far above the average and was highly satisfactory to the audience which packed the house. The decorations were also very neat and appropriate.

At Zion, the Cantata called "Santa Claus' Dream," was given. Here also the large and attentive audience was pleased and gratified. The parts were all carried out in good style and the entertainment passed off without a break and many were the expressions of commendation as the audience dispersed. Besides the usual decorations there was a large Christmas tree beautifully ornamented and brilliant with tapers. At each of these churches all the members of the Sunday schools and all small children in the house were treated with packages of candy, nuts and an orange.

Wolf Hunt on the Elkhorn.

Fred Coe, William Bressler and Herman Kellar are getting up a wolf hunt for New Year's Day. Wolves have been seen and heard barking at night on the Dinsmoor, Bressler and Beeler farms along the Elkhorn and some rare sport is expected. About 200 names have already been secured. The hunters will be divided into three divisions, one to start from Bush's corner on the Pennington road, and the others will start one on the east and one on the west side of the creek at Emerson. A complete circle will be formed. Sterling hunters will meet at Coe Bros' warehouse New Years' morning.—Sterling Gazette.

HOYT'S "A BUNCH OF KEYS."

At the Dixon Opera House, Friday, Dec. 31st, the ever successful farce comedy "A Bunch of Keys" will be presented by the talented soubrette, Ada Bothner, and a strong company of favorite comedians and singers. It is a curious medley of ridiculous situations and amazing perlexities, overflowing with unexpected denouements with drollery enough to make it irrisistible. The interest of the audience is not allowed to lag for a moment and so cleverly is it arranged that eager expectancy is the prevailing sentiment for fun of a rollicking kind. "A Bunch of Keys" decidely entitled to first place.

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Colonel Ainsworth Replies to the Charges of Fraud.

BASED ON ERRORS OF THE CENSUS.

Estimates to Show That We Shall Have Survivors of the Civil War With Us For Fifty Years Yet—An Army of Young Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—"There is very small basis for the attacks upon the pension service which have been made in the newspapers of late," said Colonel Ainsworth, who is the officer in charge of the record and pension office of the war department, and who is certainly a competent authority on this subject. "Efforts have been made," continued the colonel, "to show that the number of pensioners on the rolls is equal to the total number of surviving veterans, and that, inasmuch as every one knows there are many soldiers who draw no pension, the inference is that there are carried on the rolls the names of many men who were never in the service, and who are therefore drawing pensions fraudulently. Specific charges to this effect have been made, but Pension Commissioner Evans, who ought to know, says they are wholly untrue.

Inaccurate Statistics.

"I have nothing to do with the issuing of pensions. In my office we simply keep the records. But I am convinced there is no ground for such accusations. The charges are based upon the census reports of the number of surviving soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion, but the census reports have been shown to be inaccurate. The census enumerators reported only 1,034,073 survivors of the rebellion in 1890. If there were only that many alive then, the number would have fallen by 1895, according to the American tables of mortality, to 920,000, but we have proved by the records of the pension office and other records that in 1895 there were at least 35,000 more survivors, or 955,000, besides many of whom there were no records at all."

"How many men served the government in the war of the rebellion, colonel?"

"We do not know exactly and never can know. But we have a very close approximation to the true number, derived from analysis of the records. The number of men furnished by the different states and territories, under call from the president, was 2,778,304. Deducting from this the number of seamen and marines, which was 105,963, leaves a total of 2,672,341 credited to the army. In these figures we take no account of the regular army at the outbreak of the war, which was 16,422. Now, there were many re-enlistments which figure in the total I have given. Just how many there were we cannot ascertain. Some authorities have calculated the number at 370,000, and others at 716,000. I take the mean of these two extremes, or 543,000, and deducting this from the total number credited, leaves 2,129,000 as the number of individual Federal soldiers serving in the war."

Soldiers Who Survived.

"And how many were alive and honorably discharged at the close of the war?"

"The number of deaths for the army was 359,528, and the number of deserters at the close of the war was 117,247. This leaves about 1,652,000 as the number of soldiers who were alive at the termination of service and who were not deserters. Going over the figures for the navy in the same way we find that of 105,963 men in that service during the war, 75,000 were alive at termination of their service and were not deserters.

"Therefore the total number of individuals serving in the army and navy and marine corps during the war was 2,213,365, and of these 1,727,353 were alive at the end of their service, deserters excluded."

"And how rapidly have these soldiers died off since the war?"

"Not nearly so fast as you would think. In the first place, it must be remembered that the average age of the survivors was low. We had an army of young men. At the close of the war the average age of the survivors was only 28 years, and at the present time, 32 years later, the average age of the survivors is only about 58 or 59. The average age of the whole does not increase as fast as the average of a single individual, because naturally the older ones die more rapidly. We all fall into the habit of looking upon the survivors of the war as 'old veterans,' and thinking of them as old men, whereas many are still under 50, in the prime of life, and the average age of them all, as I have told you, is under 60."

"Some people think, according to the laws of nature, the soldiers would die faster than any other men on account of wounds, disease, etc. As a matter of fact, the death rate has been lower among the veterans than in the adult male community at large. This is true because the law of the 'survival of the fittest' applied to the soldiers. They had been through arduous campaigns. The weakest had fallen by the wayside. Those who remained formed in a general way a selected class, as the insurance men would say, noted for their endurance and tenacity of life."

"And how many survivors are there now according to your figures?"

Prospects For the Future.

"Well, we have compiled the number very carefully, and in doing so we have adopted the mortality rate of the combined American insurance companies. It is a matter of opinion whether the veterans would die faster than the policy holders in life insurance companies, but the difference could not be great, no matter which side it was on. According to our figures, there were 1,285,471 survivors June 30, 1890, though the census reports made the number only 1,034,000. Computed on this basis, we find that the probable number of survivors June 30 each year is as follows:

	Survivors.		Survivors.
1890	1,285,471	1904	858,002
1891	1,261,232	1905	820,687
1892	1,236,076	1906	782,722
1893	1,209,968	1907	744,196
1894	1,182,889	1908	705,197
1895	1,154,810	1909	665,832
1896	1,125,725	1910	626,231
1897	1,095,628	1915	429,727
1898	1,064,524	1920	251,727
1899	1,032,418	1925	113,073
1900	999,339	1930	37,033
1901	965,313	1935	6,296
1902	930,380	1940	346
1903	894,585	1945	0

"In other words," concluded Colonel Ainsworth, "we shall have survivors of the war of 1861-5 with us for nearly 50 years yet. According to the mathematics, the last man will die between 1940 and 1945. But I should not be surprised if one or two were to live till the latter year, or 80 years after the close of the war."

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A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

Bride and Groom Near Death's Door Together.

Albert L. Hatch of this city and Miss Emma Olmstead, whose parents live at Harmon, were married Christmas morning by Rev. O. H. Cessna at the Methodist parsonage. It was a private wedding with none but relatives present. When the happy couple repeated the words "until death do us part" they little knew that unparted they soon would face death. Mr. Hatch had furnished apartments for their home over E. J. Ryan's store on First street and there they went Saturday night. There early Sunday morning the bride was found in the hall unconscious; she had staggered out of the bedroom and fallen: Within the room was found Mr. Hatch, asphyxiated by coal gas. Dr. F. A. Moore was called and soon resuscitated Mrs. Hatch, but Mr. Hatch was in a dangerous condition all day yesterday and is some better today. They were both taken to the home of Mr. Hatch's sister, Mrs. Henry W. Carver in West Dixon.

Sudden Death at Ashton.

This year seems to be peculiarly marked for the number of very sudden deaths that have occurred in Lee county. The latest occurred this morning at Ashton. William Wisner, a citizen of that place, for the past fifteen years, about 36 years of age, a widower, with four children, was found dead in his bed this morning, and is supposed to have died during the night, of heart disease. He appeared in usual health, but yesterday complained to several at his boarding place of a severe pain in the region of the heart. Mr. Wisner was a man of good habits, but not in very good circumstances. A coroner's inquest was held this afternoon, which developed the above facts.

Little Annie Dodge Dead.

Annie Dodge, the nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Napoleon Berrard, of Artesian Place, died yesterday morning at half-past five o'clock of pneumonia. The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church. This little girl was a daughter of our late citizen, Jay Dodge, and a granddaughter of Comrade Thomas Wade of the Quincy Soldiers' Home.

Died Christmas Eve.

Miss Nellie Reed, aged sixteen, died Friday evening at the hospital of typhoid pneumonia after an illness of several weeks. Her mother, Mrs. Harry Reed died last spring. The father is an employe at the shoe factory. The funeral was held at St. Luke's Episcopal church at 4 p. m. yesterday.

A Flying Romance.

Maryland Station correspondence of Mt. Morris Index: Some very strange things have occurred this winter; and one of unusual interest was the dream of one of our neighbors. While in the midst of his slumbers he was sure that some other fellow was running away with his wife. He at once started after him, jumping through the window, alighting on the porch, from thence to the ground. His face was bruised and cut somewhat, but we do not imagine it would compare with the other fellow's face had he caught him before he awoke.

—Polo commenced today to harvest her ice crop, which is twelve inches thick, cut from a large pond scientifically arranged as to letting the clear spring water in and out of the pond. The ice is clear as crystal and the owner, Eck Randel, is justly proud of the fine ice he has to furnish his to customers.

—Good Templars meeting to-night.

—Percy Smith is home from Champaign.

—Miss Hannah Norgate is home from a visit in Amboy.

—Edward and James Warner are out from Chicago for a visit with their parents.

—George Woodyatt has a skating rink on the ice above the dam, near the north shore.

—C. C. Burkart entertained his sister, Miss H. M. Burkart of Chicago over Sunday.

Advertisements changed this evening: Alexander & Howell; Keyes Furniture Rooms; J. H. Morris & Son,

—A mail sack for Dixon was dropped on the track at the C. & N. W. this morning accidentally and cut to pieces by the cars.

—W. M. Brown of North Dixon is home for a holiday visit. He has been in Red Oak, Iowa, the past four months and will return there.

—The next entertainment the Dixon Club members may look forward to is the annual New Years Hop for Friday evening of this week.

—Atty. J. W. Watts, J. V. Thomas, W. J. McAlpine, and Rob Wilson with friends from Sterling were among the passengers east this morning.

—They had a great time at Sterling with the Cherry sisters, a repetition of the Dixon performance. Dixon was represented in the audience there.

—William Rink thinks that his presence in Justice Scott's court this afternoon prevented our batchelor sheriff from making a life attachment.

—Prof. E. E. Kent of Lebanon, O., spent Christmas with his parents in this city, and left this morning to attend the penmen's institute being held in Chicago.

—Ralph Brown was in Morrison Saturday. He reports that the Salvation Army has so completely captured that town that the young men can not get up a dance for lack of girls who will now "trip the light fantastic."

—Hear Miss Oliver at the Presbyterian church tonight. She is spoken of by the press as ingenius, unaffected and earnest. She is remarkably successful in ends and odds of American humor as well as in Scottish recitals.

—The Star restaurant has been sold by the proprietor, H. P. Lindsay, to the Riss Brothers, A. F. and E. W. The former has been a student here for some time. His brother is a stranger to our people. We wish them the success that they will undoubtedly win.

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Tennyson's Slip.

Lord Tennyson is in his "Life" (volume 2, page 14) reported to have said: "I never put two s's together in any verse of mine. My line is not, as often quoted:

"And freedom broadens slowly down,
but:
"And freedom slowly broadens down."

On reading this I opened my Tennyson casually, and the first piece I saw was "Sir Launcelot and Queen Guinevere," which contains four instances of the double s—namely:

Sometimes the linnet piped his song.
She seemed a part of joyous spring.
As she fled.
As she swayed.

The next piece is "The Farewell," which has the line:

No more by thee my steps shall be.

The next piece is "The Beggar Maid," which has the consecutive lines:

As shines the moon in clouded skies,
She in her poor attire was seen.

Thinking that perhaps Lord Tennyson referred to his blank verse, I turned to the "Dedication of the Idylls," in which I find these two lines:

Or how should England, dreaming of his sons,
and
Till God's love set thee at his side again.

Lord Tennyson must, I think, have been misreported.—London Spectator.

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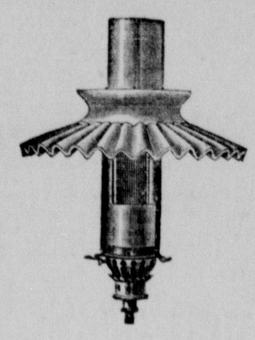
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Once on a time the nightingale, whose singing
Had with her praises set the forest ringing,
Consented to a concert to appear.
Of course her friends all flocked to hear
And with them many a critic, wide awake
To pick a flaw or catch at a mistake.
She sang as only nightingales can sing,
And when she ended
There was a general cry of: "Brava! Splendid!"
While she, poor thing,
Abashed and fluttering, to her nest retreated,
Quite terrified to be so warmly greeted.
The turkeys gobbled their delight. The geese,
Who had been known to hiss at many a trial,
Gave this one no denial.
It seemed as if the applause would never cease.

But 'mong the critics on the ground
An ass was present, pompous and profound,
Who said: "My friends, I'll not dispute the honor
That you would do our little prima donna.
Although her upper notes are very shrill
And she defies all method in her trill,
She has some talent, and, upon the whole,
With study may some cleverness attain.
Then, her friends tell me, she's a virtuous soul
But—but"—
"But," growled the lion, "by my name,
I never knew an ass who did not strain
To qualify a good thing with a but!"
"Nay," said the goose, approaching with a strut.
"Don't interrupt him, sire. Let him proceed.
The ass is honest. That we all concede."

"I was about," said Long Ear, "to remark
That there is something lacking in her whistle—
Something magnetic
To awaken chords and feelings sympathetic
And kindle in the breast a spark
Like—like, for instance, a good, juicy thistle."
The assembly tittered, but the fox, with gravity,
Said to the lion, winking,
"Our learned friend, with his accustomed suavity,
Has given his opinion without shrinking;
But, to do justice to the nightingale,
He should inform us, as no doubt he will,
What sort of music 'tis that does not fail
His sensibilities to course and thrill."

"Why," said the critic, with a look potential,
And, pricking up his ears, delighted much
At reynard's tone and manner deferential,
"Why, sir, there's nothing can so deeply touch
My feelings and so carry me away
As a fine, mellow, ear inspiring bray."

"Ah, yes!" the fox returned, without a pause.
"So far as you're concerned, your judgment's true.
You do not like the nightingale because
The nightingale is not an ass like you."
—E. Clark in Youth's Companion.

MISS BASCOM'S CLUB.

"Betty Bascom was here today," said Mrs. Miller, looking up after she had finished counting the stitches on her knitting needles.

Mr. Thomas Miller laid down his newspaper.

"What did the princess royal have to say for herself?" he asked.

"Elizabeth is a missionary of culture, Tom."

Mrs. Miller laughed. "She thinks our lives are narrow, so she's going to start a club—a woman's club. It's to be literary—we're to read and enlarge our minds and write papers. It'll be hard for us at first to write papers, and may be we'll be afraid to try, but Miss Thompson, being a schoolteacher, will probably be able to do something, and she and Betty Bascom will begin and show us how.

"I'm sorry for that child," she resumed, in response to a growl from her husband. "John Bascom and his wife have brought her up as a sort of queen, always let her have her own way and taught her that she was way up better than anybody else in Liberty Center. It's going to be real good sport to watch her, Tom; but, after all, I'm sorry for them."

"Miss Betty" meantime was in the first ardor of a new enterprise. Garden House and Betty's own wardrobe showed how carefully she had studied her "Life," and she sat in the most approved attitudes among the most billowy cushions, with her very correct little tea table at her side, waiting for the other figures, male and female, to step out of "Life," sit in their chairs, sip tea out of her cups and talk gossip with archly lifted chins, or lean over her in stylish attitudes of devotion. But the people of Liberty Center didn't care for tea—in fact, to most of them it was a nauseous dose, and when they came they sadly failed to harmonize with the stage setting.

Betty began to realize with dismay that, though she had acquired all the machinery of living, there was really no occasion to set it going. Her father, while most indulgent and admiring, still wanted his breakfast at 7 o'clock sharp and still insisted on the presence of his wife and daughter at the early board. Dinner must continue to be at 12 o'clock and tea at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Bascom, in most things as clay in her daughter's hands, firmly refused to alter her own habits, which, indeed, required no alteration, being the simple, suitable ways in which she had been brought up by a gentlewoman of the past generation. In despair she took to philanthropy. She would do a great work; she would enlarge the narrow, sordid lives of the women she saw about her. This was just at the opening of the era when a woman's club was to be as much a part of every village as the church or the schoolhouse, and Betty planned a club of which she was to be the guiding spirit. It never occurred to her that any of these plain neighbors of hers were already reading a little in their quiet way. They had not been to school in Boston.

The women of Liberty Center debated within themselves and with each other the propriety of accepting Betty's invitation and allowing themselves to be patronized by her, but on the day fixed for the first meeting they all assembled—some because of a certain half concealed, respectful admiration for the glories of the "Bascom home," some out of frankly expressed curiosity to see the new doings at "Bascom's," some because they liked the idea of a club, no matter who started it, and the rest because in Liberty Center invitations were not so plentiful that they could afford to refuse one. The one person rendered even a shade more conspicuous by her absence than she would have been by her presence was Miss Dell Roberts, that untamed daughter of the prairie, who, with her high spirits and defiance of all rules, pervaded the town like a whirlwind, and when Betty heard that Dell had dubbed her Queen Elizabeth and was making some bets on the subject of the new club she held her chin in the air and said:

"I shall draw the line at Dell Roberts. I just simply can't stand her."

Betty, tall, slender, self conscious and patronizing, with her head held high and dressed in the prettiest of gowns, was the presiding spirit of the occasion.

Fortified with much previous study of a neat little volume of parliamentary rules for women, Betty steered her club safely through the preliminary difficulties of organization, and her "slate" was quite successful. The whole ticket was triumphantly elected, she being, of course, at the head of it. On this point she had been somewhat anxious, as propriety seemed to forbid her nominating herself, but Mrs. Miller came to the rescue, that good lady being resolved to see the plan carried through intact. She had her innings when, in an interim of the stupid parliamentary business, a lively discussion arose as to the subject of the coming year's study. Mrs. Sayles, a little woman whose grammar was not as good as her intentions, said she thought it would be so nice to study art, especially art in its relation to the home.

A momentary silence followed this suggestion, and then Mrs. Miller remarked in her pleasant way that perhaps a little preliminary course of history would be advisable before embarking on so large an undertaking, and Martie Graves answered quickly, with a little flutter of embarrassment at the sound of her own voice:

"Oh, Mrs. Miller, we girls are so tired of studying history, and it's so hard to remember. Don't you think poetry would be lovely? Why not have a Browning club?"

"We should all like to know what our president thinks about it," said Mrs. Miller, with a benevolent smile at Betty, who had with difficulty restrained herself while the others were talking, and now began eagerly:

"Oh, don't you think that we all need something uplifting and broadening, something that will take us away from ourselves and our little daily tasks ("I wonder what hers are," whispered one girl to another) and will give a wider horizon? Now, I know one book that will repay months of study. It is a book that I always go to when I am happy or when I am unhappy, and there is something in it for—for anything," she concluded in confusion, not knowing how to end her fight and just catching the next whisper, "Is this to be a Bible class?"

"The book I mean," she continued with dignity, "is the 'Rubaiyat' of Omar Khayyam, translated by Fitzgerald."

A blank silence prevailed for a moment, but Betty, the enlightened, had not expected familiarity with the Persian poet. With the calmness of superiority she continued:

"Perhaps you are not familiar with it," and she opened at random a book that lay on the table beside her. "Let me read you these few lines:

"Come, fill the cup, and in the fire of spring
Your winter garment of repentance fling.
The bird of time has but a little way
To flutter—and the bird is on the wing."

This didn't seem quite appropriate, and Persian names, difficult to pronounce, confronted her in the next quatrains. She turned the leaves somewhat confusedly.

What were those lines that were to convince her hearers that this book was indeed what they needed for intellectual and spiritual inspiration? She tried again:

"Yesterday this day's madness did prepare
Tomorrow's silence, triumph or despair.
Drink! For you know not whence you came nor why.
Drink! For you know not why you go nor where."

Now, Liberty Center was a prohibition town and a center of religious orthodoxy. The temperature fell, and Betty, self absorbed as she was, saw that her club was not yet ready for Omar Khayyam. Closing the book, she said with an air of tolerance that, much as she personally loved the "Rubaiyat," she would not wish to have an undue share of influence in deciding on the work to be done, and that they must all express their wishes. Mrs. Miller, always ready at a difficult moment, moved that each one should come to the next meeting armed with a topic written on a slip of paper, from which it would be easy to select by vote. This plan had been accepted with enthusiasm, and the exhausted clubwomen were more than willing to adjourn to meet again a fortnight hence.

Then came Mrs. Bascom, followed by her maids carrying little tables, and the good things for which the house was famous brought the meeting to an end with great eclat. Betty sat at her tea table and made tea, which gave her some satisfaction, even though no one drank it.

Only a few days after the first meeting of the Woman's club Betty received the following letter:

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.

Miss Elizabeth Bascom:

DEAR MADAM—It may surprise you to receive a letter from a stranger, and I will begin by explaining to you who I am. I have for many years been an exile from my native land and have traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Africa, making a profound study of oriental languages and literature. I have especially devoted myself to the study of the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam, that wonderful poem that one can never study enough, and have lectured on it with much success both in England and in this country. You have doubtless heard of me, as my name is well known among oriental scholars, of whom, I take it, you are one. Now, my dear Miss Bascom, you cannot hide your light under a bushel, and an item in the newspaper of your city has been copied widely enough to meet my eyes. From it I learn of your noble effort in behalf of culture and of woman, and of how you have endeavored to share the sweetness and light of the "Rubaiyat" with those poor slaves of ignorance. Would you like to have me address a meeting of your club? Pray drop me a line at the inclosed address, and I shall be with you at the appointed time. It would suit me best to speak to your club on the 21st. I am very truly your friend,

MRS. S. EMILY SUNDERLAND.

Without consulting her parents Betty answered the letter with enthusiasm, warmly inviting Mrs Sunderland to come to Liberty Center on the evening of the 20th, promising to meet her at the station and convey her to her own home. Mrs. Sunderland replied promptly, and, the arrangement being concluded, Betty casually mentioned the matter at the dinner table. Mr. Bascom remarked that Betty was certainly striking out in a new field in getting a missionary woman in the house, and Mrs. Bascom said doubtfully that she was afraid the visitor would prove to be a queer kind of person, but their daughter had them well in hand and neither the father nor mother made any serious objection.

That the function might be invested with all due pomp and circumstance the place of meeting was hastily changed from Mrs. Miller's to the Bascom's house, where the best bedroom was got ready and the fatted calf was killed. On the appointed evening Betty and her father drove to the station and welcomed the distinguished guest. Peering excitedly through the darkness, Betty could only discover that the personage was tall and slender, but her voice was rather disappointing. One would have expected the years of foreign residence to soften in some degree its sharp American tone, but in that respect Betty was perhaps a trifle less exacting since she was afflicted with a high voice herself. When she saw the visitor in the lighted house, she was enchanted. Mrs. Sunderland was decidedly an interesting and extremely handsome person, with beautiful, wavy, white hair, a rich complexion and dark eyes, partly hidden, however, by gold rimmed spectacles. In spite of the twang she spoke in a slow, measured way, and with the broadest of a's. She walked, too, in a stately way, but with now and then a suggestion of youthful springiness. Altogether she seemed to Betty a fascinating bundle of contradictions. At the supper table she even succeeded in pleasing Mr. Bascom, but Mrs. Bascom looked at her with doubt in her eye, and did not fail to see certain odd tricks of knife and fork. As if with a subtle recognition of the one critical instinct among them, the guest once or twice glanced furtively and half deprecatingly at her hostess. It was but a flash, and, so far as Betty and her father could see, all was going well.

When they went up stairs for the night, Mrs. Sunderland peeped into Betty's room, exclaiming:

"Ah, the charming maiden bower! Let me come in, Miss Bascom, and see the nook where you sit and dream of Omar. Would you be shocked, dear, if you saw me yielding to the habits of the orient?"

Drawing a cigarette case from the little bag suspended at her waist, she took out a cigarette, which she proceeded to light. Betty was, on the whole, pleasurably excited by this performance, though she would have considered it vulgar in a native of Liberty Center.

"But I must put you near the fireplace so that the smoke will go up the chimney," she said hastily. "Papa is a perfect antitobacco fiend and can smell it a mile away. Now—I don't believe it can get out of this room."

They sat there for an hour or two, Betty becoming more and more enchanted with her new friend.

Next day the club assembled in full force. The guest, seated in a chair of state and holding a bouquet of beautiful, long stemmed roses—Betty's gift—seemed at first strangely embarrassed for one so accustomed to address an audience.

"My dear friend, Edward Fitzgerald, told me," she at length began, "that he loved to hear me read the immortal quatrains. That was shortly before his death, and it always gives me a sad pleasure to read them. I seem to be communing with the great Omar and the great Fitzgerald. Listen!"

With an impressive wave of the hand she began to read. Verse after verse she read in a droning voice and then launched into a discourse that seemed to Betty to have a haunting familiarity. She tried to think, but could not get a clew. Mrs. Miller, however, who had sent for books and prepared herself for this intellectual treat, sat up straight and fixed a keen glance on the speaker. Her expression became one of perplexity, and she closed her eyes for a moment as if the better to search her memory.

The lecture was a short one, and when it was over Betty, anxious to show her lion off still further, begged for some of the travelers' tales with which she had been entertained overnight. Thus entreated, the guest began a story of thrilling adventure, but when only half way through Mrs. Miller's attitude of indignant remonstrance overcame her. To the horror of the company, the gifted lady appeared suddenly to be attacked by a fit of insanity, for after stopping, hesitating, swaying to and fro for a moment, she burst into a loud fit of laughter. For an instant she struggled after self control, then broke out again, and leaning back in her chair gave herself up to the paroxysm. Betty rushed to her with a glass of water, but Mrs. Bascom sat, a picture of disgust, and Mrs. Miller, waving Betty away, went up to the sufferer and took her firmly by the hand.

"Stop a minute," she said. "I know you, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"Oh, Mrs. Miller! Oh, Mrs. Miller! It has been such fun."

But she stopped laughing and rose to her feet.

"I meant to go on a little longer," she said, "but Mrs. Miller was too much for me, and I may as well let you all into it now as any time."

She pulled off the glasses and the beautiful white wig and stood revealed—Dell Roberts, Betty's lifelong antagonist.

And that is the reason why there was a long hiatus in the history of the Woman's club of Liberty Center. When its meetings were resumed, Mrs. Miller was president, vice Miss Elizabeth Bascom, resigned.—Anne Pierson in Chicago Record.

SAMPLE CORPSE.

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Mark Twain, when he was shown the mummy of a Pharaoh who lived in the time of Moses, shrugged his shoulders with contemptuous indifference and remarked to the curator of the museum:

"Haven't you got a corpse that is a little fresher?"

All Mark has to do is to visit the funeral direction establishment of Mr. Pearce at Ardmore. There he will probably find something more to his fastidious fancy in the shape of a sample of embalming, kept on view by Mr. Pearce for inspection by his customers. The "subject" has now done service for a period of three years, and the proprietor confidently expects that it will last as long as he remains in business.

The body in question has been in the very warmest workroom of his establishment all this while, and the leather-like flesh of the corpse is totally free from odor or putrefaction. Some say the hair on a body will grow after death. This probably originated in the mind of a dramatist or novelist, who wanted to sensationalize his readers to sell his books, for there lies Mr. Pearce's dead man, with his very last hair cut the same as it was two or three years ago. Then some say that the hair will fall out, but you couldn't pull the hair out of that body with tweezers. Each hair seems to be particularly riveted into the hardening leather and bone. Even the fuzzy, lighter hairs of all other parts of the body remain the same as they were at death.

Formaldeheyde, a product of wood alcohol, and a comparatively recent product, is the fluid with which the body was embalmed, and Mr. Pearce says that there is now a fluid, with other elements added, that is far better than the 140 ounces, or a little over one gallon—$3 worth—of the formaldeheyde used for the dessication of the body in question.—New York Herald.

A New Use For Organ Grinders.

A well dressed woman lately entered a Paris jeweler's shop and asked to see some valuable gold pins. While she was examining them a man began playing a barrel organ before the door. The music seemed to annoy the lady, and, stepping to the door, she threw a piece of money to the man and told him to go away, which he did at once.

On returning to the counter she said that none of the pins suited her, but that as some compensation for the trouble she had given she would buy a brooch. She accordingly chose one, paid 10 francs for it and was leaving the shop when the jeweler missed a diamond pin of great value from among those she had been examining. He accordingly stopped his customer, who seemed highly indignant and insisted on the proprietor's wife searching her, which was done, but no pin was found.

The jeweler then set his sister to watch the woman, who was seen to enter another jeweler's shop, and was pretending to make a purchase when the organ grinder made his appearance. As soon as he began playing she again threw some money and ordered him to move on, but the person who was watching her perceived that with the money she had given the man a piece of jewelry. This was at once made known to the police, who arrested both, and on searching the man they found several articles of stolen property.—Paris Letter.

What Squirrels Eat.

Squirrels do not entirely subsist on nuts, as most people suppose. They are largely fruit eaters, and occasionally work big havoc in the orchards at the fall of the year. They are not above stealing partridge eggs, and on this account are not beloved by the sportsman. Even poultry, when they stray, as they often will, and lay eggs beyond the confines of the poultry yard, suffer from attacks of squirrels when the mother bird is away. In pine tree districts these little climbers are fond of splitting the pine cones and eating the seeds thereof.

But above all things squirrels are fond of fungus. They will not have anything to say to the common or garden mushroom, but confidently devour the most yellow and poisonous looking of toadstools that grow in damp woods and fields. They never store these, for they know well that fungi will not keep. They devour them greedily as they come to light and revisit the spot as soon as fresh spawn renews the fungus. There are, however, many kinds of toadstools that squirrels know to be poisonous, and these they will not touch.—Detroit Free Press.

Interesting Information.

"The reason they make so much fuss over my birthday," explained Kitty to the young man in the parlor who was waiting for somebody else, "is that I've only had six. Sister's had 32, and she's so used to 'em she don't even mention 'em. How many birthdays have you had, Mr Spoonamore?"—Chicago Tribune.

The Canadian department of agriculture estimates the population of the Dominion to be 5,125,438, a gain of rather less than 300,000 since the census of 1891. In 1890 there were two states of the Union that exceeded Canada in population—New York, with 5,997,853 inhabitants, and Pennsylvania, with 5,258,014.

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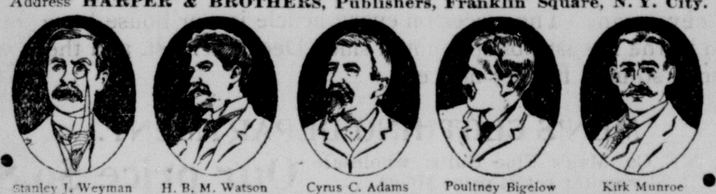
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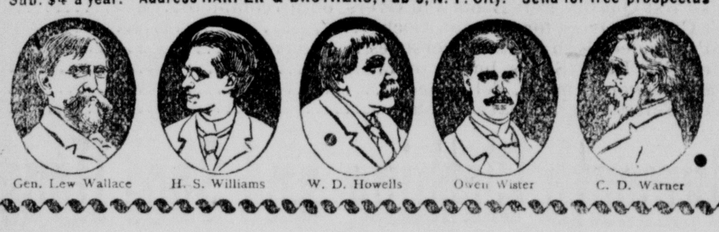
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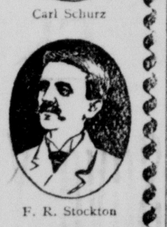

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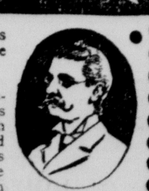

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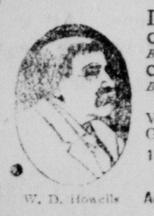
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She wears no skirt that's sewed in two,
She is not skilled to ride a wheel.
Her sex's wrongs she does not feel.
No public scheme her thoughts pursue,
And yet, the fact I can't conceal,
She's very new.

Her soul's ideals are scant and few,
Yet not by man is she controlled,
And, though her eyes are deeply blue,
No occult force her glances hold.
She cares not for the days of old,
Nor does the future charm her view.
She does not work for fame or gold,
And yet she's new.

All homage at her shrine is due.
Her claim no mortal dares to scorn.
She from the infinite takes her cue.
She's fresh as earth's primeval morn.
She faces life with powers unworn,
For, now to prove my statements true,
It's scarce one moon since she was born.
You see, she's new!

—Marion Couthony Smith in New York Sun.

A YOUTHFUL EXEGETE.

His Interpretation of the Scriptures Was Not Orthodox.

Strange are the workings of the infant mind. The little son of a well known naval officer stationed here has advanced a new version of an old text. The wife's mother, who makes her home with her daughter, is of the old school, a dear creature, with puffs and caps, who reads her Bible from preference. It is a custom for her to teach her little grandson every day a verse from the Bible, and on Saturday of last week the verse selected was:

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The child had unusual difficulty in committing the verse, but, once mastered, it must have settled deep into the very largest brain cell possessed by the little fellow.

Sunday morning the youngster came, fresh, white and starched, from his nurse's hands and was deposited on the front porch until the family assembled for church. Emerging at the last moment, the mother was horrified at the sight of her small offspring seated upon the terrace, digging with all his might into the moist ground.

"Baby, baby, come here this minute. Don't you know it is naughty to play on Sunday and get yourself all dirt?" cried the mother.

The little fellow looked up with a puzzled air and made answer, "Why, muvver, dear, I is digging holes for Sunday."

"Digging holes for Sunday? What nonsense! You bad, bad little son," returned the mother, none too gently, trying to rescue the once immaculate suit.

"Now, muvver, dear, I did learn ve verse from grandma, and it was 'Remember ve Sabbath day to keep it holy,' and I is only digging ve holes for Sunday to make it holy, and I isn't a bad 'ittle son at all."

There was a suspicious trembling about the mouth, but it is needless to relate that the little philosopher was caught in his mother's arms and kissed before the cry developed and that he was given two plates of dessert for his Sunday dinner, all because of his original theory.—Washington Star.

In Sir Walter Scott's Mail Bag.

Some letters from the fair sex caused Sir Walter Scott at least as much amusement as annoyance. In his earlier years "a mad woman from about Alnwick," by dint of letters and plans, first extracted from him a guinea for a charity, then sent him the manuscript of a curious novel, which he was to publish in his own name, and of which he was to take half the profits. Finally, on his declining the partnership, she suggested he should take shares in a medicine for babies, her own invention. Dread of participation in "such a Herodlike affair" drove Scott to decline the honor of future correspondence with the lady.

On a March day in his fatal year, 1826, Sir Walter answered two modest requests from widow ladies. One of these, presuming on a former slight acquaintance with his mother, desired that he should impress on Peel, then home secretary, the merits of her second son, whom he was to represent as "fit for any situation in a public office." The second lady, who had already perused "Marmion" and "The Lady of the Lake," engaged, in return for a suitable provision for her son's education, to read all her benefactor's other works. After dealing with these letters, Scott felt himself constrained to record his conviction that "your destitute widow, especially if she hath a charge of children and one or two fit for patronage, is one of the most impudent animals living."—Temple Bar.

Reward of Literature.

Among the women writers of the capital there is one young matron whose name is very well known. A few months ago she sent a short story to a magazine which presented itself as an untried field. By and by she received notification that the story had been accepted and that in payment thereof her name had been put on the subscription list for one year. The author immediately returned answer that the compensation was not adequate.

"Dear madam," the editor wrote back, "yours of such a date received. We have put your name on the subscription list for two copies each month."

And for fear that further correspondence would burden her with three copies of the magazine she was forced to be content with that.—Washington Post.

Cement Pipes.

Cement pipes are made cheaply by an ingenious process devised by a French inventor. A trench is dug and the bottom filled with cement mortar. On this is placed a rubber tube covered with canvas and inflated. The trench is then filled up with cement. As soon as this is set the air is let out of the rubber tube, which is then removed and used again in another section. By this method 6 inch pipes have been made at a cost of 22 cents a yard.

THE CLOVE TREE.

How the Buds Are Prepared For the Uses of Commerce.

The clove tree is a native of the Molucca islands and belongs to the far-spread family of myrtles. It is a tall, very handsome evergreen, with ovate, oblong leaves and purplish flowers, arranged in corymbs on short jointed stalks. The flowers are produced in great profusion, and when they appear, which is at the beginning of the rainy season, they are in the form of elongated, greenish buds. These unexpanded buds are the cloves of commerce, which derive their name from the Spanish word clavo, "a nail," so called from the real or fancied resemblance of the bud to a nail.

Sometimes the clove fruit appears in commerce in a dried state, under the name of "mother cloves." It has an odor and flavor similar to cloves, but is much weaker.

The flower buds are beaten from the tree and are dried by the smoke of wood fires and afterward by the sun. If the buds remain on the trees, the calices gradually swell, the embryo seeds enlarge and the pungent properties of the cloves are to a great degree dissipated.

Cloves consist of two parts, a round head, which is, in fact, the flower rolled up, inclosing a number of small filaments, and the four points that surround the flower and form the flower cup of the unripe seed vessel. When they are soaked for a short time in hot water, the flowers soften and readily unroll, so that all of the parts may be seen.

The entire clove tree is highly aromatic, and the foot stalks of the leaves have nearly the same pungent quality as the calyx of the flower.—Philadelphia Times.

LIGHTNING BUGS.

Taken For the Enemy's Fire, They Led to a Pitched Battle.

G. H. Bell, a prominent merchant of Liberty, Neb., told an interesting story of how a swarm of lightning bugs caused a shot and shell engagement between two armies during the late war.

"I was a member of the Twenty-fifth Ohio regiment," said Mr. Bell, "and Mr. G. W. Harris, whom I met on my visit here, was with the Fifty-fifth Tennessee. I just discovered that we fought each other one night in May, 1864, at New Hope Church, Ga. Lightning bugs in Georgia are more plentiful than watermelons in August by several millions to the square mile, and on more than one occasion they gave us trouble.

"About 2 o'clock in the morning as the two armies lay in their respective works, 400 yards apart, a nest of bugs hove in sight, as we afterward learned. The armies were too close for pickets. Suddenly there was a flash of light. Each side thought the other had opened fire in some mysterious way, and we began to shoot. We blazed away at one another for an hour or more and Bedlam reigned with shot and shell. The timber between the lines was all killed as if belted with an ax. Fortunately no lives were lost.

"It was only the other day that I learned the extent of the damage caused by that swarm of lightning bugs. I asked Harris how long his side was firing, and he said until their ammunition gave out. We were in the same fix, and if it hadn't been for our poverty in this respect that engagement would have been terribly fatal."—St. Louis Republic.

Certain Irish Stories.

A Roman deacon was sent for to baptize a baby. In the cabin he could find no water, but there was a pot of tea. "Tea," he reasoned, "contains water, the rest is but accident," and proceeded to pour out a cup. But it was strong, even to blackness, so he went in search of water, and, having found some, watered the tea down to a more reasonable color, christened the baby with it, and reported the circumstance, as a case of conscience, to his superior. It had not occurred to him, having found the water, to use it by itself.

Here is a tutor's letter of condolence to a bereaved parent. This was unkindly attributed to Oxford. The tutor wrote, "I am sincerely grieved to hear the sad news of your son's death, but I must inform you he would have had to go down in any case, as he had failed to satisfy the examiners in classical moderations."

One other story, I may add here, as it serves to illustrate a certain disparity often noticeable between Saxon and Celtic word values, and also the way in which Irish orators discount their own rhetoric. A home ruler was haranguing on English terrorism, and after drawing a horrid picture of babies speared on the points of bayonets, etc., he concluded: "If that's your civilization, you may keep it. I call it most improper."—Cornhill Magazine.

Life.

Life has no other origin than life itself, and this is one of the great truths which the labors of pathologists and biologists of the present century have established beyond the possibility of a doubt. If the life that is taken from life is taken from a highly developed life, so will be the wife that is taken. My earnest hope and belief is that the final mystery of life, the key to life, the principle which keeps life alive, will be solved by the biologists before all the members of the present congress are dead.—Professor Virchow to International Congress at Moscow, Aug 19, 1897.

Remarkable Mirages.

The Sudan expedition, while engaged in laying the new Nile railway, saw some remarkable mirages. From a distance the men appeared to be working in a beautiful lake, and on all sides were to be seen lakes, beautifully wooded hills, ships and cascades. When looked at through fieldglasses the illusion was heightened rather than diminished.

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May.....	4.70	4.72	4.67	4.70

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY

EAST BOUND		WEST BOUND.	
Atl'c Ex.	3:26 am..B	O'w Lm't.	8:24 pm..A
Chic'g Ex.	6:52 am..A	CedrRps.	3:50 pm..C
O'y Lm't.	4:50 am..A	Car'l. Ps.	10:08 am..C
Ster'l Ps.	7:22 am..C	Pac'f Ex.	1:35 am..A
CedrRps.	11:00 am..C	Ster'l Ps.	7:14 pm..C
DsMn's Ps.	3:54 pm..C	N.IowaPs.	8:44 pm..E
Clint. Ps.	5:16 pm..D		

FREIGHT TRAINS CARRYING PASSENGERS.
Freight..7:45 pm....A | Clinton..6:35 a..m..A
A—Daily. B—Daily except Mon. C—Daily except Sun. D—Sunday only. E—Daily except Saturday.
F. L. MURRY, Agent.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD

SOUTH BOUND.		NORTH BOUND.	
Pana Ps.	3:25 a. m.	Dub. Pass.	5:43 a. m.
*Thr'gh Ps.	10:22 a. m.	*Thr'gh Ps.	5:03 p. m.
M'm'g. Ps.	5:03 p. m.	Local Ps.	11:47 p. m.
Freight.	9:05 a. m.	Freight.	12:50 p. m.

* Daily—Others daily except Sunday.
ANNA C. MEAD. Ticket Agent

THE WEATHER.

The following is the weather forecast telegraphed us at 9:20 o'clock a. m. today from the government observatory at Chicago:

Partly cloudy and possibly unsettled tonight and Tuesday with snow flurries in north portion tonight.

WEATHER REPORT.

For the week commencing Dec. 26, '97.

	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Max	Min	Precp
Sun.	21	28	15	28	10	—
Mon.	1	25	—	—	—	—
Tues.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wed.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thus.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fri.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sat.	—	—	—	—	—	—



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$7.00 Corbett Boxing Gloves	$4.00
$5.00 Horsehide Striking Bags	3.25
$2.50 Striking Bags	1.50
Indian Clubs	35c
Skate Straps, per pair	10c

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for what they will bring
in order to make room for new goods.

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15 First Street.

"Another year, with all its hopes and fears.
Has sunk into the deep abyss of time;
And on the threshold of the new we stand,
Like travelers to a strange and distant clime."

—Miss Phonsie Murphy is visiting in Polo.

—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moye are visiting in Freeport.

—The Madison University gave John Crabtree and Howard Lewis a holiday vacation.

—Miss Lizzie O'Brien, with brothers William and Timothy, are out from Chicago.

—The Royal Neighbors will meet Thursday night instead of Tuesday night for practice.

—E. H. Johnson is home from Chicago on a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson.

—Attorney Wm. Barge and daughter Miss Elizabeth, came home last night from a Christmas visit at Rock Island.

—Last Saturday morning a team of horses attached to a milk wagon made a lively run on North Galena and Fellows streets, damaging the wagon some.

—The Sayanna (Carroll county) Journal this year issues a very neat holiday number of thirty-two pages and cover. About twenty pages of reading and illustrations and twelve pages of advertisements.

—We have received a very beautiful illuminated parlor calendar with the compliments of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, whose headquarters is at No. 120 Broadway, N. Y.

—A horse attached to a department store delivery wagon ran away Christmas Eve and while on the river bridge struck a carriage containing three people, knocking them all out without doing them any damage.

—A Kansas City man who was married recently has relatives in St. Louis named Damm. At the wedding, among the congratulatory missives read, was telegram from St. Louis saying: "Accept congratulations of the whole Damm family."

—It is said that the whistle of a locomotive can be heard 3,300 yards, the report of a musket and the bark of a dog 1,800 yards, the croak of a frog 900 yards, a cricket chirp 800 yards, a dinner bell two miles and a call to get up in the morning, 3 feet and 7 inches.

—John Wells of Footville, aged 72 years and Mrs. A. D. Maladi, a widow several years younger, were married at Janesville, Wis,, last Friday by Rev. A. H. Harrington, rector of Christ Episcopal church. The happy groom is hale and hearty in spite of his years.

—Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Trego, Miss Murphy, Church Todd and A. J. Murphy, who have been visiting at the Rev. J. C. Sage home at Bluff Park, returned to Chicago this morning. The Episcopal church services Christmas and yesterday were made exceedingly enjoyable by Mrs. Trego's singing.

—Freeport and Polo doctors performed an operation upon Mrs. D. Gilat Polo Wednesday for an abscess of the gall bladder caused by gall stones, 3 373 of which were removed A few were lost and others have not yet been taken away. It took three physicians nearly an hour to count the stones. The case is considered a remarkable one in the medical world.

—Frank Waterbury of Polo is here and in trouble. Saturday night while drunk he was attracted by the music up the stairs toward the Dixon Club rooms in Brown block and while in the first floor hallway he fell through the glass doorway to Dr. N. I. Sims office. He was arrested and will have to settle for damages. Justice Scott this morning fined him twenty dollars, and he is boarding it out in jail.

—Polo Visitor: After over a year without speaking aloud, Mrs. C. Henry Barnes has regained her voice. She yelled at the cat and scared it most to death, as it had never heard her speak. Mr. B. says Dr. Krebbs has done wonders for her. He calls this their Chrismas present. Henry will catch it now like the rest of us. She will have to make up for lost time.

—Hon. Robert R. Hitt has been reappointed one of the regents of the Smithsonian Institute in th City of Washington. We have never heard Mr. Hitt refer to the matter, but we once heard Hon. Stephen A. Donglas, when a senator from Illinois, refer with evident pride and satisfaction to the fact that he had ben appointed one of the regents of the Smithsonian Institute.—Freeport Journal.

—There will be a holiday service at St. Luke's Episcopal church this evening promptly at 8 o'clock, especially addressed to the Masonic order; but a general invitation is extended to all, and the service will be of a character to interest everyone. The Christmas music will be repeated and the address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Joseph Rushton of Chicago, a member of the order. The fraternity will assemble at Masonic hall at 7:30 and march in a body to the church.

SHORT WORDS.

They Are the Best When the Thoughts Are Worth While.

A dozen or less newspaper men were collected together, when somebody said something about Rudyard Kipling.

"I notice in the papers," said another, "that he is the best paid writer in the world at present."

"The Pall Mall Gazette people say they paid him $750 a poem for all they printed of his," ventured a third.

"And why not?" put in a fourth. "He is the best writer of English prose or verse now writing. That one line of his, 'A rag and a bone and a hank of hair,' describing a vampire woman, couldn't be stronger, I think."

"Good and strong," commented a fifth, "but Kipling is not the only man who has chosen monosyllables to give emphatic expression to his thought. If you will remember, Pope in his essay on 'Criticism' remarked, 'And ten low words oft creep in one dull line,' and before and after him there were others, who, as he, were scarcely dull and seldom crept. Hymn writers are strong in this. Take Watts in that well known hymn, for instance:

"Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace
To help me on to God?

"Shakespeare found one syllabled words good enough for him, and you all know that passage of Young's:

"The bell strikes one. We take no note of time,
Save by its loss, etc.

"Bailey's 'Festus,' that makes its reader feel as if he had 'eaten of the insane root that takes the reason prisoner,' has many examples, and this one you will recall:

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

"And the Bible, the greatest of books, is filled with the short words. Right at the beginning of things we find, 'And God said let there be light, and there was light,' and at the end of things, so to speak, 'For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?' and still further along, 'And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there shall be no night there.'

"Oh, Kipling is all right! He knows he has plenty of authority for seeking short words when he wants strong ones."—Washington Star.

A DARKY'S PRIZE MENU.

But His Friends Weren't Betting Against a Sure Thing.

Three negroes not long ago made a bet among themselves that each could name a supper that would be better than the others could name. They put up $1 apiece, and the one that named the dishes that would constitute the best supper should take the $3. They drew straws as to which ones should be the first and the last to make up the menu for the imaginary meal. The first man said he couldn't think of anything better than greens boiled with hog jowl. For side dishes he would take corn bread, souse, black eyed peas, and wash them down with buttermilk. The other two smacked their lips.

"Well, for me," said No. 2, "I'd take fried chicken, hot biscuits, buttered 'n spread over with preserves—'n den, 'n den—let's see—yes, 'n 'simmon beer 'n ginger cakes."

The mouths of the other two spilled water, and it was apparent that they were hungry. It came No. 3's time.

"W'y, youse niggers don't know what's good," said he. "Tell me, fools, what's better 'n possum baked wid sweet 'tatehs scattered all roun it, swimmin in de gravy? Hey? 'N den atter youse done nibbled at de bones tell they ain't no more meat on 'em dere set de water millyon starin you in de face lik'. Hey?" And with that he started to pick up the money.

"You leave dat money alone," the other two yelled in chorus. "We warn't bettin ag'in no sure thing."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Telegraphic Anomalies.

At a recent meeting of the British chamber of commerce in Paris E. J. Hemebryk, one of the vice presidents of the Liverpool chamber of commerce, made an interesting statement and sought the support of the Paris chamber in his endeavors to obtain acceleration in the delivery of telegrams in France. He said that telegraphing from Liverpool he could obtain a reply from his New York house in three minutes, while from his house in Paris it took five hours. There were countries, like Austria, which were even worse, the time for a reply being sometimes as much as six or seven hours. There could be no greater condemnation of the present system than the practice which was commonly followed by Liverpool merchants. When they wanted to obtain a reply quickly from, say Havre, they would telegraph to Havre through their New York office, and they could thus obtain through New York a reply in half an hour which it would take them four or five hours to obtain direct. The blame could not be attached to the English postoffice, for he had ascertained that, as a rule, a telegram handed in at any English office left the United Kingdom within 15 minutes of being handed in.

The Paris chamber agreed to give the subject its most earnest consideration, with a view to taking steps to obtain reform.—Paris Messenger.

Left In the Lurch.

Simultaneously a young Cornish lady had three suitors, representing the church, the army and the navy. The reverend gentleman had a great advantage over his rivals, being always "on the spot." Referring to his rivals in conversation with the lady on one occasion, he made the highly interesting observation that there were "land rats and water rats."

"And cu-rats," retorted the lady.

Needless to say the parson had to look elsewhere for a wife.—London News.

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AND BUY AGAIN, AND PAY YOUR BILLS WHEN DUE.

But Don't Pass by These Local Ads. or You'll be Passed By Too.

Cantata Repeated. Cantata Repeated. Cantata Repeated. Cantata Repeated. Cantata Repeated. | Methodist Church, Tuesday Evening, December 28. | Tickets 10 cents, At Dodges', Bunnell & Barley's, and door. Public entrance at North door.

Read Keyes Furniture Announcement. 348t2

Don't fail to read Keyes Furniture Sale advertisement. 348t2

Look out for the Blue Ticket Sale of Furniture at H. CAMP & SON'S. 276tf

Hoyt's Bunch of Keys. Friday Evening, 31st.

A fine line of Smoking Jackets at $5.75 for Christmas presents at the National Clothing House. 341tf

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Roses, carnations, and flowers for funerals, weddings, etc. Call on MRS. FRANK PRATT, Farmers' Club Rooms. 322tf

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Extra fine line of Smoking Jackets at $10.00 for Christmas presents at the National Clothing House. 341tf

A Blue Ticket Sale of Furniture is now on at H. CAMP & SON'S this week. 276tf

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HELP—FEMALE—Lady with good reference to work at home in spare time can make $8 to $12 a week. No books or canvassing, work light and respectable; permanent position to right party; we furnish work and teach you free. Send 10c. for sample and instructions. THE CARTER CHEMICAL CO., 120 So. Second St., Phila. 188t74

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K. N. & F. Co. Men's Fine Suits, wholesale price $10.00 regular retail price $13.50..... Our price $9.87

MEN'S OVERCOAT DEPARTMENT.

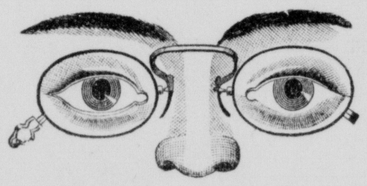
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Men's Candee Overs for German Socks	$1.35
Child's Candee High Button Overshoes	98c
Ladies' Felt Lined Shoes, button or lace	98c
Ladies' Beaver Slippers, Felt Soles	48c
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